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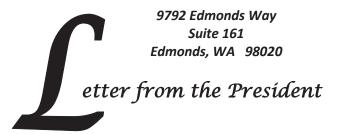
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Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, Legal

Hi Y'all.

Bunches of good stuff going down:

- membership drive,
- WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Championship and Duck Dog Challenge, July 18, 15930 U.S. Highway 2, west of Monroe;
- ALL CHAPTER Family Picnic and shooting fun July 26 at Sumner Gun Club;
- Whatcom Chapter and Yakima Valley Chapter Family Picnics;
- 9th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot coming up September 16 at the Kenmore Gun Range;
- NW Chapter and Lower Columbia Chapter Banquets; and
- Waterfowl Hunting coming up quick after all this.

Join us and join in the Heritage. Businesses like Avery, Environmetal (hevi-shot), Bill Saunder's Calls, Drake, and AMS Guns, and many individual members have contributed to our events and work parties. A big shout out to these companies and people who help make things happen in the duck hunting world.

Saturday I stopped by and watched a hunting dog training event put on by Cascade Hunting Retriever Club. These folks do an event once or twice a month near Monroe and you can stop by and pay an entry fee to get your dog retrieves with live birds/live fire, dead birds, and/dummies. They set up multiple retrieves, blind or otherwise as you need. Good folks, good training and tips...good times...check it out: Boyd Ulsh (425) 478-4676, peprsdad@yahoo.com. Know of other folks doing good things for hunting...?? Let us know so we can join in. Thanks All,

Rone Brewer

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

WWA Sponsored WA State Duck Saturday, July 18

> Calling Contest in Monroe, WA in conjunction with **NW Performance**

Dogs. See Flyer on Page 3.

Whatcom Chapter Family Picnic Saturday, July 18

1:30 p.m., Lynden Shotgun Club

Wednesday, July 22 WWA-Seattle Chapter Meeting; 5:30

p.m. @ Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell. Contact John Arrabito. FREE round of

Trap or 5-Stand for ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters.

ALL CHAPTER WWA FAMILY PICNIC Sunday, July 26

Sumner Sportsmen's Club.

See Flyer on Page 5.

WWA-Southwest Chapter Meeting; Tuesday, July 28 (New Time) 6:30 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsmen's

Club. Contact Bruce Burns.

Thursday, July 30 WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter

Meeting 7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap

Club. Contact Rick Scott.

Tuesday, Aug 4 **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter**

Meeting 5-7 p.m. @ the Tenant Lake

Interpretive Center, Ferndale.

Contact Scott O'Day.

WWA-Kitsap County Chapter Meeting Wednesday, Aug 5

@ Bremerton Trap and Skeet

Contact Les Hollister.

Thursday, Aug 6 **WWA Corp Board of Directors**

> Meeting 6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny's. All WWA members always

welcome.

WWA-NW Chapter Meeting 7 P.M. @ Tuesday, Aug 11

the Conway Firehouse, Conway, WA.

Contact Reb Broker.

Tuesday, Aug 11 WWA-Tri-Cities Chapter Meeting 6 PM

@ Kiko's Tacos, 1014 S Washington

Street, Kennewick.

Contact Jason Oliver.

Thursday, Aug 13 **WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting** @ The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club.

Little Rock, WA. Contact Kurt Snyder.

WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting Thursday, Aug 13 (New Location)

@ 6:30 P.M., this month at the El Ranchito Restaurant in Zillah, WA.

Contact Abel Cortina.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival Saturday & Sunday

August 22 & 23

Hillsboro, OR. See LC News, Page 14.

Sunday, Sept 16 9th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot

See Flyer on Page 7.

Saturday, Sept 19 Saturday, Sept 19 LC Chapter

Banquet and NW Chapter Banquet, See Flyers on Pages 9 and 15.

Saturday, Sept 19 Third Annual Moses Lake DU

Greenwing Barbeque, @ Mar Don.



Location of the WWA Sponsored WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest in Monroe, WA and the National Duck Dog Challenge, Saturday, July 18, in Monroe, WA. See Flyer on Page 3.

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10:00~Open Duck - \$30

11:00~Open Goose - \$30

12:30~State Duck - \$40

2:00~State Goose - \$40

3:30~2 Person Duck - \$30 - Share the Purse

\$\$ Prizes & Raffles \$\$

For More Information:

NDDC Contact: Jerry Rainwater (503)349-1892 www.NationalDuckDogChallenge.com

Cascade Contacts:

Don West (206) 786-2714 westad@comcast.net Boyd Ulsh (425) 501-3989 peprsdad@yahoo.com

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Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

The **WWA** fishing trip was a good time had by all! Well nearly all anyway. Hear tell of some rail chumming going on and slow fishing in the early hours. Members from **Seattle, Grays Harbor, Lower Columbia** and **Southwest Chapters** participated.

Thanks to **Jim Goldsmith** and **Robyn Logsdon** for pictures. Special thanks to **Howard Hicks** for making it happen.

See Flyer for Upcoming Family Picnic Info on the adjacent, Page 5, where we will be eating some of the fine fish caught on this trip.

The **SW Chapter** meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon Road in Puyallup. Next meeting is July 28th at 6:30 p.m. **Notice we** revised the start time to 6:30 p.m., giving members time to have a bite to eat at the Club prior to meeting.

Whatcom Chapter News

It's that time again! Picnic time that is.

This coming Saturday, July 18, we will be holding our annual **WWA-Whatcom Chapter** Family Picnic at the **Lynden Shotgun Club** this year. Our Club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks, so if you each bring a salad, or dessert, or side dish to share, we can have a nice picnic.

Target shooting available for \$5.50 per round (25 birds) so let's have some competition! 12 gauge ammo will be available for purchase.

Lets have a good turnout! See ya Saturday.

Just a reminder the WWA-Whatcom County
Chapter meets at the Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, 5236
Nielsen Avenue, Ferndale, WA on the first Tuesday of every
month! Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 4th. Come and
join us!

Any questions call **Scott O'Day** at 360.966-4112.

Spokane Chapter News

Chairman wanted!

Do you know anyone in the Spokane area interested in spreading the waterfowling heritage?

Let us know!!!

Kitsap County Chapter News

Just a reminder the WWA-Kitsap County
Chapter meets at the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club, 4956
State Highway 3 SW in Bremerton, on the first Wednesday
of every month! Our next meeting is Wednesday, August
5th. Come and join us!

Any questions call **Les Hollister** at 210.410-3037.

Moses Lake Chapter News

No News This Month...

Hunter Ed Classes Through Summer

OLYMPIA—While major hunting seasons are closed in summer, hunter education courses continue to run throughout the state.

Now is the time to enroll in hunter education and avoid the autumn rush, said **David Whipple**, Hunter Ed Division Manager for the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).**

All hunters born after January 1, 1972 must complete a hunter education course to purchase a hunting license. **WDFW** offers both traditional and online options to complete the hunter education training requirement.

The advantages of the traditional classroom experience include direct person-to-person instruction from certified volunteer instructors, said **Whipple.** The online course offers the same content, but on the student's schedule, and is coupled with a field skills evaluation led by certified instructors, added **Whipple.**

To find a course and learn about hunter education requirements, new hunters should visit the **WDFW** hunter education webpage at http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/classes/basic.php



Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

16409 Canyon Rd. E.
Puyallup, WA 98375
(253) 537-6151
www.tacomassportsmensclub.com



Washington Waterfowl Association All Chapter Family Picnic

When: Sunday, July 26, 2015

Activities start at noon, food at 4:00

Where: Sumner Sportsmen's Association

15711 — 96th Street East Puyallup, WA 98372 (253) 848-9519

Activities: 13-station sporting clays (100 clays for \$30.00)

Trap (25 clay round for \$4.00)

Games for kids, if enough RSVPs

Menu: Fried fish (if you like fish tacos, those ingredients will be available)

Sumner Sportsmen's Association will be providing a non-fish entree

French friesBaked beansCole slaw

Feel free to bring snacks, desserts, etc., to share and round out the menu

Cost: \$20.00 per family, \$10.00 individual, kids 12 and under are free

Notes: There will be indoor and outdoor seating and tables available, but you can bring your

own camp chairs, blankets, tables, etc.

You may bring alcohol, but drinking is allowed only after shooting

RSVP Terry Satre, (253) 845-2398, <u>teltim@comcast.net</u> or

Howard Hicks (253) 847-6274, hkhicks@gmail.com

Hope to see you all there!





Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

July Program

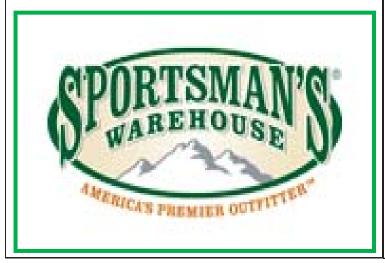
Being out —of—state for a whole month of June has left me behind in the planning department and my officer-inarms, **Chapter Treasurer Bob Hermann**, has come down with a health issue that may preclude him from acting in that capacity in the future, so at July's meeting we will repeat our offer of a **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand to **ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters in attendance.** Anyone wishing to spell **Bob** in his duties for a couple of months, please contact either one of us. Come out and join us in the [hopefully] cool, summer, evening air and enjoy some off-season shooting.

Ferd Nist Trophy Competition Begins in July

Seattle Chapter Shooting Chairman, David Hanson, reminds all that anyone wishing to get a little practice in for Ferd Nist Trophy Shoot to determine the best shotgunner in the WWA should come out to the July meeting. Get in your practice round[s], then make sure you DECLARE to another participant in the competition BEFORE you shoot a competitive round, otherwise it won't count in the contest. Finally have your score verified by the Range Master and at least one other WWA member in the competition.

David has arranged with the **Kenmore Gun Club** to set up a slider and a doubles trap station for July's events. You can use your **FREE** round for a practice session, or for a competitive round. Contract **David** to confirm in advance what the shooting venues are to be for the evening.

The goal is to have the shooting competition in July and August with the trophy presentation at the NW Chapter's September Banquet. Remember ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters are welcome to participate at their home shooting ranges.



Proposed Waterfowl Hunting Season and Regulations Available for Review

OLYMPIA — Draft rule proposals regarding Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Seasons and Regulations are available for review and comment at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/comments.php?WSR=15-14-123

You can also submit comments by mail to:

WDFW

Attention: Wildlife Program Commission Meeting
Public Comments
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

WDFW will consider written comments regarding these rule changes received by **July 25, 2015**.

The proposals will be presented, public testimony will be taken and the Commission will consider amending or adopting these regulations at the **August 7-8, 2015**, Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting. The meeting will be held at:

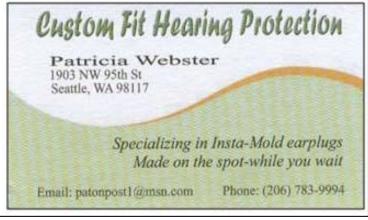
The Natural Resource Building 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501.

WDFW's Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG), at their August 1st meeting will also make recommendations to WDFW regarding these proposals. Also on the WAG Agenda are the following subjects:

- -- Review of the quality hunt program areas; and
- -- An update on a new waterfowl hunter opinion survey.

Many current **WWA** members sit on the **WAG.** Get your input to any of the following (in alphabetical order) before August 1st:

John Arrabito — SEA; Ted Blade — LC; Dave Drewry — Kitsap; Art Kendall — NW; Mike Meseberg — ML; Dick Price — ML; John Tierney — SEA; Rodney Vandersypen — WH; and Ben Welton — NW



BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT NINTH ANNUAL



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Registration 9:00 a.m. Kenmore Shotgun Range 1031 228th St. S.W. Bothell, WA 98021 (425-481-8685)

Entry Fee \$75.00 Includes 125 Targets and Lunch

50 Singles 50 Handicap 25 5-Stand (each event \$25.00 – could do one, two or all three)

TROPHIES FOR (Men, Ladies, Novice):

Top Gun (must do all 125 targets) Singles Handicap 5-Stand

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For Information Call: Mike Lutz, (206) 550-6924 OR Jenny Lutz, (425) 218-7868

Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker

Summer, CRAZY Summer!

It is in full swing here in the Northwest area. Sockeye season is done on the **Skagit River** but **Baker Lake** is kicking out boatloads of fish. Last count was over 11,000 in the lake already, and we still have a few more good weeks of fish to come up the river!

Crabs? Not me but the Dungeness fishing has been good. Plus the islands have opened up now and every boat that goes by has pots in it, so be careful out there on the water.

Pinks in the river!!! It is going to be a banner year for them. Find a pole, get any hook/lure with pink on it and go get them... The river will be opening soon, and they say you will be able to walk across it on the backs of fish there will be so many of them. If you need help give me a shout — the boys and I have to restock the freezer with the smokers, it can be a long time till the next run.

The Waterfowl Season Will Soon Be Upon Us

Hard to believe that we are less than 45 days away from early goose up here. Specially when I see a second hatch of Mallards going in the nesting tubes! I (like all of us) am hoping for a great year! **The NW Chapter** is preparing for a few events to finish the summer off and head into the fall.

Starters is the **WWA** sponsored **WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Championship** going on in Monroe this coming
Saturday! The Chapter will be there supporting and hopefully a few will be there in the thick of the competition also.

Help Needed for a Work Party

Next will be the an ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) capable blind that the Chapter received funding from an ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account) Grant. We are looking to hold a work party the weekend of August 8-9 to accomplish this project. This is going to be a couple of day event due to the size and location of the blind. If interested shoot me an email or call or reach us on our chapter's FaceBook page "NORTHWEST WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION".

Next Monthly Meeting Focuses on Duck Boats

Following this, our monthly chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11th, featuring our **Duck Boat Show** — the 2nd Annual!. Nothing fancy, this event is to get the boats out to show off what you use. We all know that waterfowling can cost a pretty penny and by coming to this event you can see every type and budget of hunting boat out there. We are hoping to get a inspector there just to make sure everyone is

up to snuff on what you need to be in their good graces. This event gets you thinking about putting your rig back together again (lights, tags, hole you need to fill from that stump you whacked at the end of the season, etc,). Plus get some ideas on how you can set your boat up and not make mistakes that others might have made on theirs!

Early Goose and Youth Hunts in Our Future

Finally right after goose (yeap i keep saying goose cause I am **WAY** excited to go get a few this year), we will be having our youth hunts. Due to tides we will not be having as many hunts as usual, but have some different options that we can work with. **Rick Skiba** is putting this all together for us, and as usual it will be a great event.

Chapter's First Attempt at a Fund Raising Banquet

During this same weekend the **NW Chapter** will be hosting our First Ever Fund Raising Banquet!!! (See Flyer on the adjacent Page 9). Things are looking pretty good at the moment with the donations and sponsorships that are lining up nicely, and tickets are now officially on sale. I will be getting a link on the **WWA** website [www.waduck.org] for online purchases, but you can always send me cash/check pay at the door or credit card (if you need the reward points)!

This is not going to be your normal type banquet. We are going to have more of a **preseason BBQ Party** to get things started off! Tickets start at \$35 each and go up to \$1,000 for a table with a gun drawing for that lucky group of eight (8). Contact me or look on the site to get a ticket! Will be a great night with guns, guided trips, and goodies galore to be given, raffled and auctioned way! Don't miss it!

Hope to see you at one or all of these upcoming events!

The **NW Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held at 7 pm at the **Conway Fire House** on Tuesday, August 11th. For those that can, we meet at the **Conway Pub** for a burger at about 5:15 pm.

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1st Annual Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association Banquet

Please come join us for the 1st Annual Banquet of the **Northwest Chapter** of **Washington Waterfowl Association** on the 19th day of September in 2015. We will be enjoying the evening with family fun, auctions, raffles, and delicious food.

September 19th

Location: 19299 Rexville Grange Rd.

Mt. Vernon, WA

Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Dinner served 6:30 PM



Association

Washington Waterfowl Association is a leader in waterfowl and wetlands conservation, protecting the rights of waterfowl hunters and land conservation across the state of Washington and beyond.

<u>Dinner includes</u>: Tri-tip and chicken with BBQ sides and soft drinks available

Single: \$35

Couple: \$60

Youth: \$20

Hunting Party Table: \$500

Includes: 8 Tickets, WWA Membership, WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses and FREE Beer,

Hats, \$200 in Raffle Tickets.

Corporate Party Table: \$1000

Includes: Name on the table and seating in the front row, 8 Tickets, a special table only drawing for either a shotgun or a .22 rifle, WWA memberships, WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses and FREE Beer, Hats, \$300 in Raffle Tickets.

Please Mark selection and amount of tickets. Make all checks payable to: **NW Washington Waterfowl Association**. All credit cards will be processed at event.

Youth: ______
Single: _____
Couple: _____
Hunting Party Table: _____
Corporate Table: _____
Total Due:

Questions???

Contact Reb Broker (760) 859-7442

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

YV Chapter's Goose Banding

The WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter has had multiple members helping with area banding efforts in the past month. Several members were in on Canada Goose banding trips in Central Washington, and they met with substantial success.

Between banding outings to Vantage, Mattawa, Selah, Yakima and the Tri-Cities, almost 700 geese were captured, with nearly 500 receiving new leg bands. The remaining 200 were recaptures.

The group was joined by multiple kids, especially the large group that banded in **Tri-Cities.** The kids had a great

time hauling birds between capture pens & banding areas. They especially enjoyed releasing the birds after banding.





A sobering lesson was seeing the effects of used fishing line thrown away as garbage. The group banding at the **Tri-Cities** captured two, one-legged geese — both caused by geese getting their feet tangled in discarded fishing line. One of the geese had line cutting into it's one good foot. It had the line removed, and was released to hopefully recover.

Preparing for Duck Banding on the Yakama Reservation

There was a gathering on Tuesday, June 30th to help get duck traps set on the **Yakama Reservation's Zimmerman Unit** for the summer. The group was able to get several traps set and ready to bait.

In the next week or so, duck banding will begin in the Yakima Valley, both on the reservation, and on state land. If you are interested in helping band ducks on the reservation, call or text **David Blodgett III** at 509-949-7437. **YV Chapter Raffle**

The **YV Chapter** is continuing it's fundraiser gun raffle for a CZ Mallard over-and-under shotgun. Tickets are just \$5 each. About 2/3 of the tickets have been sold already. Contact **Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina**, or any **YV Chapter** member to buy a few tickets for a great gun! **Upcoming Meetings**

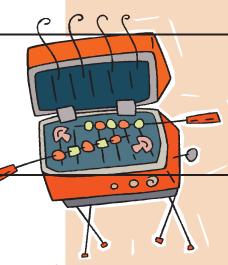
Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Our August meeting will be in **Zillah.** For more information, call or text **Abel** at 509-786-9196.

YV WWA 4th Annual Summer Barbecue

Join us for our Chapter barbecue party

To Be Rescheduled

You bring a dish or 2 to share and your own beverage. Trap Shooting, Swimming Pool, and General Good Time.



134401 W. Pump Road, Prosser RSVP to: 509-303-9003 or sthonney@embarqmail.com

Tri-Cities Chapter News

By Charles Jones

The new and revitalized **WWA-Tri Cities Chapter** will hold its third meeting on Tuesday, **August 11th at Kiko's Tacos**, 1014 S. Washington Street, Kennewick, WA 99337. We're still a bit disappointed in the turnout to our meetings in proportion to the large number of waterfowlers in the area. Contact your duck hunting buddies and help us get the **WWA-Tri-Cities** up and running strong again!

We will be meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, year round, at Kiko's, beginning at 6 p.m.

Again, our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th.

Here is a photo of our trash cleaning work party on June 17 at the **Toothacker Pheasant Release Site in Finley, WA.** Come out and join us for future work parties before the waterfowl season and give back to "The Resource."

Contact new **Chapter Chairman, Jason Oliver** at 509.366-9914 or <u>megan-oliver@hotmail.com</u> or Myself as **Chapter Treasurer** — **Charles Jones** at 206.930-2498 or <u>cjones84@gmail.com</u> if you would like to get involved.

Here is a link to our Chapter news on Facebook if anyone wants to follow..

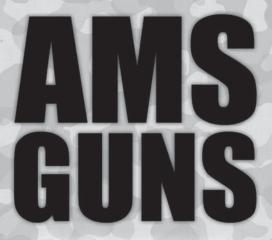
https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWATriCities/

Help get the word out to all your waterfowl hunting friends on the **Tri-Cities Waterfowlers** Facebook page. lhttps://www.facebook.com/groups/ tricitieswaterfowlers/].

Also check out the **Tri-Cities, Washington Hunting Gear** Facebook page [https://m.facebook.com/
groups/329972597100518] hosted by **Charles Jones.**



The entire families of both WWA-Tri Cities Chapter officers Jason Oliver (pictured) and Charles Jones participated in the work party cleaning up trash at the Toothacker Release Site in Finley, WA on June 17th. Come on fellow duck hunters in the Tri-Cities area, these guys need your help to transform the Tri Cities Chapter back into a viable part of our waterfowl conservation heritage.



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Grays Harbor Chapter News

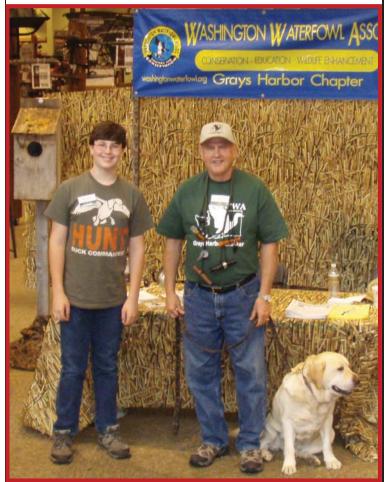
By Kurt Snyder

Time to Prepare for the Season

Hi All,

Yesterday [July 10th] I saw the first flock of geese flying after this years molt. This can only mean one thing, that hunting season is close! With a few hours of preparation I will be ready for opening day! If you have any doubt whether you are ready, now would be a good time to take a look at your equipment. Especially your safety equipment.

Some of us youngsters need a **WA State Boaters Certificate.** I was informally informed that the **WDFW** will be citing this year those that are required to have one but don't have it. Along with that they will be citing those that choose not to use the required position lights on their boats during night time boating. I have avoided using those lights forever and will have to start now. If you haven't looked at your boat insurance in a while, it may behoove you to do so. A tow-in might cost you a few hundred dollars. Also the thieves have become even bolder than they were., stealing boat motors off of rigs in shopping centers in broad daylight!



Will Goldsmith, Greg Fulwider & Crush @Cabela's.

Our chapter has had a busy June with a display at Cabela's and hosting our first Turkey Shoot. The display went very well as we recruited a couple of new members and put ourselves out there for the public to see. Thanks to Grays Harbor Chapter members Will Goldsmith, Greg Fulwider, Mike Smith and Colton Smith for staffing the display. Also thanks to Chapter member Jon McAninch for printing all the photos for us to display. They received a lot of attention.

Our Turkey shoot had a very low turnout. We only shot one squad but the "almost impossible target" got 15 shooters to pay for 68 targets! Sorry, no pictures for that event!

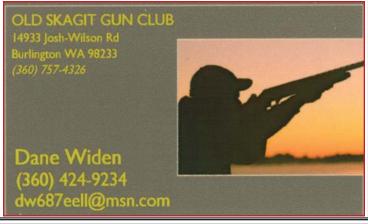
We plan to expand our goose nesting program to parts down south this year and will be building those platforms in time to get them up before the hunting season starts.

Thank you all for your time, effort and help with this fundraiser!

Don't forget the Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle is in full swing. See Flyer on Page 26. This year we added an alternate sea duck hunt! The winners will have a choice of an inland waterfowl hunt at Cedarville Farms Hunt Club or a Puget Sound trophy sea duck hunt!!!

Well, that's about it for this month. I hope to see some of you at the upcoming WA State Duck Calling Championship this coming Saturday [July 18th.] near Monroe. If you have dogs, you'll really enjoy seeing your first Duck Dog Challenge, held in conjunction with the calling contests.

Thank You, Kurt Snyder Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net 360-485-9353



Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Two (2) Work Parties at Shillapoo Wildlife Area

On consecutive Saturdays, July 25th and August 1st, WWA will assist member Rick Erickson with building a platform to place a new ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) capable blind on the Shillapoo State Wildlife Area. We will meet just off the NW Irwin O Rieger Memorial Highway (also known as the dragstrip) at the tin shed access point.

Our Chapter has contributed funds to this project, and the WDFW has provided their support and financial backing. Rick's nonprofit Pacific NW Outdoor Adventures (PNWOA) is spearheading the project. PNWOA provides outdoor experiences for handicapped individuals including hunting and fishing. We will meet at 8 AM, and lunch will be provided. Bring you battery operated screw guns and saws, hammer, tape measure (anything you might use to construct a deck). Contact Rick Erickson to let him know you can make it or if you have questions at (360) 904-1937.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival

Mark your calendar for this popular gathering of waterfowl enthusiasts. The big event will take place on August 22nd and 23rd. The new location this year will be at the **Sportsman's Warehouse in Hillsboro, OR.** More details on their website at http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/.

Chapter Fund Raising Banquet September 19th

We need your help collecting donations for the banquet. We have solicitation letters if you are not comfortable asking for them. This is your banquet, let's make it the best yet and bring in the certificates and merchandise. Even slightly used items can do well in the silent auction. We have a great reputation for a fun, family friendly event. If you have questions or would like to help out contact **Arlan Hackett** at (360) 600-9484 or **Doug Hargin** at (360) 903-6951. **See Flyer on the adjacent Page 15.**

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Update

On July 6th Arlan Hackett and Doug Hargin met with Refuge Manager Chris Lapp, Eric Anderson and Alex Chmielewsky to update progress on the deferred maintenance projects. They are close to having the electricity restored to the pumps after a few bureaucratic hurdles. With such a dry year Alex is hoping they can begin pumping soon to bring water back onto the Refuge. The project for South Big Lake which contains Blind 18 will not happen this year as permitting did not come through in time. The plans are to complete it for next year and replace Blind 18 at that time. The draw program has been finalized

and will be with the same vendor that **Umatilla and McNary NWR's** use. Thirty (30) picks for the year available all at one time at \$1 a pick. The Refuge will cover the \$5 application fee this year.

Sportsman's Warehouse Booth

We plan to have a booth on of the first weekends in August to promote **WWA** at the **Sportsman's Ware-house** in Vancouver. Contact **Arlan Hackett** at (360) 600-9484 for more information or to help out staffing the booth.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members **Greg Yuille** and **Josh Wolf** to our Chapter. Great to have you aboard, and we look forward to getting to know you! We would like to also welcome **Bill Dose** back as a member.

Drought Conditions Harming Fish, Wildlife, Disrupting Some Fisheries

OLYMPIA - State fishery managers are taking steps to protect fish that are affected by drought conditions, and are asking anglers to do their part as well.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has restricted some fishing opportunities and will need to restrict others. In addition, the department will likely release some hatchery fish early and transport salmon and steelhead that are unable to make it upstream to spawning grounds.

This year's low snowpack and warm weather have raised water temperatures and reduced flows in rivers and streams across the state to levels that can be lethal to fish, said **Teresa Scott, WDFW's drought coordinator**.

WDFW already has curtailed fishing on a section of the Sol Duc River to protect returning chinook. They also closed fishing for spring chinook on the Grande Ronde River due to low river flows. Additional closures or restrictions will be posted on the department's webpage, said Craig Burley, WDFW fish program manager.

In the meantime, Burley suggested anglers should limit fishing to the morning hours to reduce stress on fish, immediately return fish to be released back to the water, and land fish quickly.

Higher water temperatures and low stream flows also are creating problems at WDFW's fish hatcheries. Warm water temperatures at hatcheries make fish more susceptible to disease and stress, which means fewer fish survive. For more information check out: http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/

You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 12th Annual Washington Waterfowl Association Banquet, Lower Columbia Chapter Saturday, September 19, 2015 6:00 p.m.



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Contact Doug Hargin, at (360) 903-6951 or dlhargin@msn.com

60th annual Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey Trends in Duck Breeding Populations, 1955–2015 Report The Trends in Duck Breeding From the US Fish and Wildlife Service

Populations report summarizes information about the status of duck populations and wetland habitats during spring 2015, focusing on areas encompassed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife (USFWS) and Canadian Wildlife Services' (CWS) Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey (Waterfowl Survey).

Report Highlights: The total 2015 duck population estimate (excluding scoters, eiders, long-tailed ducks, mergansers, and wood ducks) is 49.5 million birds. This population estimate is similar to the 2014 estimate of 49.2 million and is 43% higher than the long-term average.

- Estimated mallard abundance is 11.6 million, which is similar to the 2014 estimate, and 51% above the long-term average of 7.7 million.
- Estimated abundance of gadwall is 3.8 million 100% above their long-term average of 1.9 million.
- The American widgeon estimate is 3 million which is similar to last year's estimate and 17% above their long-term average of 2.6 million.
- The estimated abundance of green-winged teal is 4.1 million, which is 19% above the 2014 estimate of 3.4 million and 98% above the long-term average.

Following a relatively mild winter and an early spring, precipitation in the U.S. prairies since last summer has been average to mostly below average. Habitat conditions declined from 2014 in Montana and the Dakotas despite significant rainfall in May, which came too late to benefit most nesting waterfowl. Annual winter precipitation was lower in the northern part of the survey area; the Parklands, however, continue to benefit from hold-over water.

The boreal region and Alaska exhibited drier conditions, but an early spring and lack of flooding should aid waterfowl production. Most of the Canadian portion of the traditional survey area was rated as fair or good this year with areas of excellent conditions that received greater annual precipitation.

The annual Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey is conducted in cooperation with the Canadian Wildlife Service and other state, provincial, and private conservation partners. The report does not include information from surveys conducted by state or provincial agencies.

American Widgeon USFWS Teal brood USFWS: While this year's survey results were very favorable, when and where waterfowl will be encountered this fall depends on many factors. Food availability and the condition and distribution of water resources all influence local duck and goose abundance, distribution, behavior, and ultimately, hunter success.

The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** continues to monitor changes throughout the survey regions and is mindful of large-scale changes in all regions of North America. Extreme weather conditions and large scale changes in land-use have the potential to impact duck production in the future. Conservation efforts are important to ensuring continued population stability of ducks and geese.

Waterfowl hunters contribute to conservation efforts through the purchase of a Migratory Bird Hunting and **Conservation Stamp (known as the Duck Stamp)** which ultimately benefits waterfowl and other birds.

Details from the survey crews and information about waterfowl management across North America are available at www.Flyways.US. The full Trends in Duck Breeding Populations report can be found here: http://www.fws.gov/ birds/surveys-and-data/reports-and-publications/population-status.php

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The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2015 Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and Limited Edition Print.

Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

This year's artwork, Canvasbacks in flight, was created by Mr. Gunner Hilliard of Williamstown, New Jersey.



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The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below is a listing of recent contributions since the publication of the **WWA May** Newsletter to the six (6) primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,545

Don Taylor, June 2015 — \$35

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,487

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, July 2015 — \$5

WWA Habitat Fund — \$780

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, July 2015 — \$5

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$1,980

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,391

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WELCOME TO NEW WWA MEMBERS for June

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Brewer	Bob	Lower Columbia	Senior (65+) Membership
Ellis	Michael	Lower Columbia	Family Membership
Ellis	Susan	Lower Columbia	Family Membership
Servi	Jude	Seattle	Individual Membership

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We will take orders thru July and then get product here before the season begins!

Terry Satre

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TREASURERS. REPORT (7-2-2015)

Corporate Checking \$ 21,090.78

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Jay Koetje Trust for

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 \$ 1,975.00

 Duck Stamp Account
 \$ 10,404.49

 Merchandise Account
 \$ 1,140.48

 Corporate C.D.
 \$ 17,606.70

 Corporate Total
 \$ 53,217.45

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking \$ 1,632.41 **Kitsap Chapter** (To Be Funded) \$ 19,535.23 LC Checking **ML Checking** \$ 11,084.17 \$ 2,216.16 **NW Checking** SEA Checking \$ 27,203.19 \$ 9,750.77 **SEA CD Amount** SEA Robert Hickok Fund \$ 1,316.79 **SPO Checking** \$ Closed 5/19/2014 **SW Checking** 4,996.53

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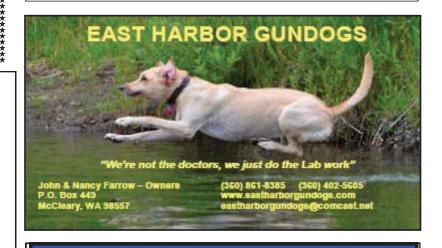
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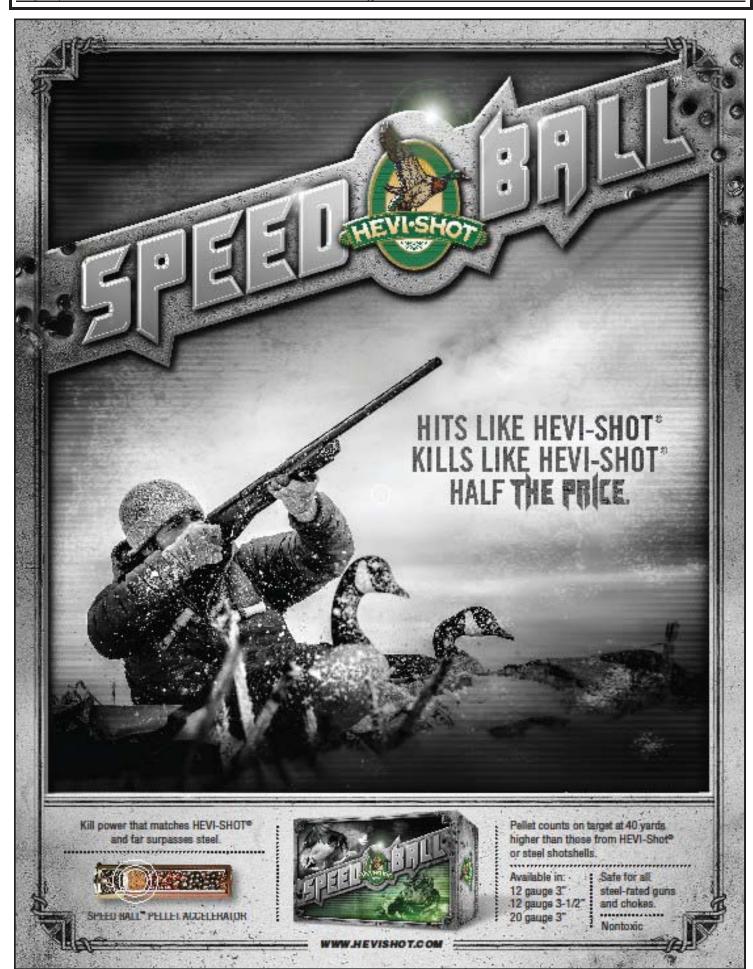
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Contact your WWA Chapter Chairman for ticket purchase and contact kurtsnyder@outdrs.net or 360-485-9353 for purchase, raffle rules and information.



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Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in <u>public</u> hunting areas
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- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.